

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1A-8B, 15; and

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 9A-14B, 16.

In reply to the Examiner's indication that Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, Applicant hereby elects Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1A-8B and 15. Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-20 are readable on Species I. As noted by the Examiner, independent claims 1, 12, 14, and 20 are generic claims. Therefore, dependent claims 8, 13, and 21 are subject to possible rejoinder.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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